



STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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STEVE FARROW ELECTED TO STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Dalton attorney replaces Mike Evans in District 9

ATLANTA – Attorney Steve Farrow was elected Thursday to the State Transportation Board of Georgia by a caucus of state representatives and senators from the 9th Congressional District. Farrow replaces former Board member Mike Evans of Cumming, who resigned in April.

Farrow, a Dalton native, served two terms in the State Senate as a Democrat. He served as Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, Vice Chairman of the Senate Finance and Public Utilities Committee and Vice Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee. He also served as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Public Safety Committee.

“This opportunity is an honor,” Farrow told the 24-member caucus. He pledged to be a “change agent” at the Georgia Department of Transportation. “There are problems there, and this needs to be a time of change. We need to move away from the old guard to make systemic changes.” He said he has visited in many communities within the district and “will continue to meet with you to learn your transportation needs. As a former legislator, I know what you go through.”

The new board member was nominated by Rep. David Ralston, who praised him for his honesty and work ethic, saying Farrow “embraces change and partnership.”

Dr. Gena Abraham, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, welcomed Farrow’s election to the board, saying she is eager to work with him “to make the changes necessary to move the department forward.”



Newly elected State Transportation Board member Steve Farrow

“We need ‘agents of change’” Abraham noted. “Things are changing at Georgia DOT, and I welcome his being an advocate for that change.”

Farrow said one of his first acts will be to meet with the Commissioner “to determine what’s hanging out there that needs to be tended to.”

Farrow will finish Evans’ full five-year term on the Board. He takes his seat immediately; the term ends in April, 2013.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is governed by the State Transportation Board. Its 13 members, representing each of the state’s Congressional Districts, exercise general control and supervision of the Department. Each member serves a five-year term and the terms are staggered. Board members are elected by the State Representatives and Senators whose state districts fall within the Congressional District, whether it's all of their district or just a portion.

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